



# The Thrasher

Richmond Audubon Society

## RAS Meeting, October 2006

The October monthly meeting of RAS will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church at the intersection of Chippenham Parkway and Custis Road, just east of the Huguenot Road exit. We will have the usual pre-meeting dinner at 5:30. Our speaker will be our own Lynda Richardson, an exciting and creative professional nature photographer, who will relate her experiences while competing in the Pro-Tour Nature Photographers Contest. Each photographer was assigned to a different land owner in Texas, and given several categories into which the images had to fit. There were birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, etc., but the most interesting part is what Lynda did to get these fabulous pictures. You will have to come to see them and hear her explanations for yourself. You will be surprised and

delighted. See <http://imagesforconservation.org/gallery/index.php> for a preview of Lynda's images.

Dessert will be available after the meeting.

**Sandy Wynne**

Program Chair

The Pre-meeting dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00. Call or email me by the day before the meeting if you plan to be there for the dinner.

743-1479 / [lindawarfield@comcast.net](mailto:lindawarfield@comcast.net).

Note for those who want to come but are unsure you can make it: get your name on the list. Too much food is better than not enough! (If you can't make it, you will not be responsible for the cost.) Because enough food must be available for the number of attendees, reservations will not be

accepted after the evening before the day of the meeting.

Food for the pre-meeting dinners is provided by some of the attendees by pre-arrangement. This helps spread out the work. If you would like to help, bring enough for 12 or more servings of a meat or vegetarian entree or a salad. Turn in your receipts before the dinner, and I will reimburse you with a check. Each person at the dinner pays \$5 to defray expenses. We don't try to make a profit on the dinners. Call or email by the Sunday before the Thursday meeting to let me know what you plan to provide. This allows time to coordinate the dinner.

Bon Appetit!

**Linda Warfield**

Hospitality Chair

Note: The next *Thrasher* you will receive will be the November/December issue.

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## Pot-luck Dinner and Auction:

Ok, time to get ready for our November auction. The donations are starting to come in and the auction committee is frantically trying to make sure that things run smoothly, especially with a rookie (me) trying to learn the ropes and the names of those who are stepping up to plate. Our own Doug Sinclair is looking forward to calling bids in the live auction and our designated donation sites are ready and willing to store our goodies. We have already received donations that have been quite popular in the past. Plus some new and interesting live and silent auction items that are sure to get the bidders excited. Following is a list of sites for dropping off those goodies all of you are getting. All items must be in by October 30th to make it in our programs so lets put our heads and hearts into it and get those auction items from our wonderful donors.

**David Richmond, Auction Chair**

### Donation Delivery Sites:

Birdwatchers	4636 Commonwealth Cntr. Pkwy.	763-3890
Wild Bird Center	1360 Gaskins Road	741-2473
Wild Birds Unlimited	9778 Midlothian Turnpike	323-0353
Wild Birds Unlimited	10921-A W. Broad Street	934-9200

## President's Message, October 2006: My Thoughts on Global Warming

It's interesting to note what people in general think about global warming. Many people I have known (or read letters to the editor by) seem to have the opinion that it's just a natural phenomenon, and that there is nothing they could possibly do to change it. They think the only way to affect global warming is by forcing power companies and large manufacturing facilities to operate more efficiently. But these people don't realize that each person who thinks like that is contributing to global warming in a very significant way.

You do know that layers of rock in places like the Grand Canyon were formed while the land was under water, right? Do you then have any reason to think it won't happen again? We have all seen the articles and TV specials that describe the horrible consequences if advanced global warming is not thwarted soon. Already the ice caps are beginning to melt, which is causing frozen methane to evaporate and enter the stratosphere. This will have two effects: light from the sun will be absorbed instead of reflected, and methane is many times as effective as carbon monoxide at causing atmospheric heating via the greenhouse effect. Together, these mechanisms will exacerbate global warming in a very few years. Before long, low-lying cities will be under water, especially during storm surges, which will be much more frequent and severe because ocean currents will be greatly modified. Katrina will be mild compared to this scenario. The Endangered Species Act will be a non-issue because so many species will be gone. Their habitat won't exist. See John Roberts' article in the August / September Thrasher for details.

What does the average person have to do with global warming anyway? Global warming is mainly caused by the release of greenhouse gases like carbon monoxide, methane, and other organic gases into the atmosphere. Think about what we as individuals do that causes the release of these gases. Some people think that they should always be as comfortable as possible, so they have no

qualms about turning the thermostat up or down several degrees to accomplish that, instead of putting or taking off a few layers of clothes, or using an electric fan. Leaving the lights on in unused rooms, or making several trips to the same part of town within a few days when they could be consolidated to one trip by thoughtful planning are two more examples. It is cumulative when so many people do it.

So, what can YOU do? You can turn the thermostat up or down depending on the season, and make fewer trips by doing more planning. Form a carpool or use public transportation. Run your appliances such as dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers more efficiently by consolidating loads or use a clothesline instead of your dryer when possible. Don't pour the old gasoline or paint thinner on the ground and let it evaporate, and close valves on propane cylinders when not being used. The overall effect of heeding all these suggestions is to release less total organic matter into the atmosphere. We should have a contest to see how many ways people can think of to reduce global warming. Maybe that will get people involved to the point that they actually start doing those things.

One more way you can reduce global warming is to replace your incandescent light bulbs with CFLs. Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs screw into an ordinary light socket and take the place of a regular bulb. Being fluorescent, they use, for example, 20 watts for the same output as a 60-watt bulb. If every US household replaced three 60-watt incandescent bulbs with CFLs it would be like taking 3.5 million cars off the roads! Swapping out just one standard 100w bulb for a just-as-bright CFL reduces global warming pollution by more than 1,300 pounds! Plus, CFLs save you money. They cost more but last much longer than incandescent bulbs. See this website for more information on CFLs: <http://www.environmentaldefense.org/>

*Al Warfield*

### A Brief History of the RAS Auction

Up until 2000, the auction was basically an event where members cleaned out their attics and basements and contributed items they no longer wanted or needed. There were some excellent items, but many were really just other peoples' discards. In 2001, Auction Chair Mary Arginteanu upgraded the auction by insisting that only "quality" items be donated. Al Warfield took color photos of donated items and created an auction brochure in full color to convey an aura of quality. This was a real turning point for the auction. Members started inviting their friends to attend and participate.

In 2002, co-chair Patti Wills really got the auction organized, and expanded the number of items to make it a significant fund-raiser for the club. She coined the term fund-raiser. If we need to raise money, we might as well

have fun doing it!

The quality aspect was continued in the next three years, and in 2005 a raffle was added; Ellen Ackerman and Donna Brodd contributed an expensive birding scope to be raffled off. Sales of raffle tickets combined with sales from the auction peaked for a new high profit just over \$10,000 for RAS.

This year we are fortunate to have an auction chair with auctioneer training and experience. David Richmond has held numerous auctions for non-profits and now brings his expertise to Richmond Audubon. We look forward to another successful year under his leadership.

*Linda Warfield*

RAS Hospitality chair  
(Auction Chair for 2004 & 2005)

### Richmond Audubon Society to Adopt James River Wetlands Important Bird Area

As many of you may know, the Virginia Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program has been working hard to identify the areas in Virginia that provide critical habitat for nesting, wintering, or migrating bird species. Once identified, these areas will be targeted for increased conservation and protection of the birds and the habitats they depend upon. The James River Wetlands IBA, which occupies the upper tidal reaches of the James River, is one of the 14 Virginia IBAs that have been identified to date. Here you'll find one of the highest concentrations of Prothonotary Warblers in the region. These striking yellow warblers have very specific habitat requirements, requiring tree cavities within flooded hardwood forests to nest. Large populations of Bald Eagles also breed and roost within the IBA each year, where they find ideal hunting and nesting habitat, while Great Blue Heron colonies and Osprey nests dot the river corridor. These are just a few of the many remarkable species that depend upon the James River Wetlands IBA.

Conservation of such special places depends upon the active participation

of the local community. Recognizing the unique and fragile nature of this local gem, RAS has officially decided to adopt the James River Wetlands IBA. This means that RAS will take an active role in pursuing and participating in such activities as long-term monitoring of bird populations, assisting with conservation projects like native tree plantings or invasive species removal, developing educational materials, or serving as advocates for the IBA. This was a natural progression for our chapter to take as we have been serving in a similar capacity on Presquile NWR, at the heart of the IBA, for many years. We will continue to work within Presquile NWR but now plan to expand our reach to include additional partners and conservation opportunities within the entire IBA.

Don't forget that you can get involved right now in improving the James River Wetlands IBA -the Presquile Native Tree Planting Project will continue until October 21st. [See article below.] On the final planting day there will be an official IBA Recognition Event to formally announce the IBA to the public. Most days are full or are filling up quickly, so act fast if you are interested in participating. Check out the website for the latest status and to sign up! [http://www.jamesriverassociation.org/watershed\\_plant.html](http://www.jamesriverassociation.org/watershed_plant.html)

. Also, make sure to keep your eye out for future announcements of ways that you can participate in conservation activities within the IBA!

*Lewis Barnett*  
RAS IBA Liaison



Bald Eagle graphic by  
*K.S. Haley*

## Planters Wanted

### Presquile NWR Native Tree Planting For Wildlife: Conservation In Action!

October 3, 4, & 21

Come join the Richmond Audubon Society along with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the National Audubon Society, the James River Association, and the staff at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge as we restore up to 30 acres of habitat for wildlife at Presquile NWR! Presquile NWR, a largely pristine island on the James River just north of the city of Hopewell, is part of a recently designated Audubon Important Bird Area (IBA) in Virginia and provides important habitat for birds and other wildlife. The 1300 acre refuge contains large tracts of marsh and tupelo swamp that play an important role in maintaining water quality in the James in addition to providing wildlife habitat. The restoration effort will involve planting over 3500 native trees and shrubs to provide wildlife habitat, prevent stream bank erosion, and promote water quality. It's a big project with tremendous rewards and we need all the help we can get to make it a success!

If you are interested in participating in one or more of the above planting days, please visit the James River Association website at [www.jamesriverassociation.org/watershed\\_plant.html](http://www.jamesriverassociation.org/watershed_plant.html) and sign up online for your preferred date(s). Planting will begin on the island at 9 a.m. and end by 1 p.m. each day. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Not a tree planter but still want to participate in this effort? There is limited space for one or two administrative volunteers each day to help coordinate volunteer sign-in and other related duties. Please sign up online if you are interested in one of these spaces.

For specific questions about the event, please contact Leslie Middleton at the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at [lmiddleton@acb-online.org](mailto:lmiddleton@acb-online.org) or (804) 775-0951.

## Field Trips: October - November 2006

October – November 19, 2006 – Rockfish Gap Hawk Watch: Join Brenda Tekin and crew as they start their 30th year counting migrating hawks flying south along the Blue Ridge Mountains on the birds annual trip south. For more information, visit them online at:

[http://home.ntelos.net/~btkin/rockfish\\_gap\\_hawk\\_watch](http://home.ntelos.net/~btkin/rockfish_gap_hawk_watch)

October and November 2006 – Kiptopeke State Park, Northampton County, Virginia: Join Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory (CVWO) staff and volunteers this fall at Kiptopeke. Witness the migration of songbirds and hawks along the coast on their annual journey south to their wintering grounds. Observe songbirds "in the hand" as they are measured, recorded, banded and released to continue their journey. Join the hawk counters on the platform and see the hawks that are banded nearby.

October and November, 2006 – Sea birding with Brian Patteson: Check out Brian's website and choose a date for a memorable pelagic trip out into the Atlantic that is almost certain to add new entries onto your Life List!! <http://www.seabirding.com/>

Sunday, October 1, 2006 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Plan on spending the start of the first day of October birding with Sue Ridd at Bryan Park. Meet at Shelter #1 at 7:35 a.m. Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Friday, October 6 – Sunday October 8, 2006 – 2nd Eastern Shore Birding Festival: This event continues to grow and attract more birders to Virginia's Eastern Shore for premiere birding with first class trips, leaders and activities. For more information:

<http://www.esvachamber.org/festivals/birding/>

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 – 2nd Wednesday Walk with John Coe: John will be in Hawaii, so there's no planned 2nd Wednesday walk this month. Head out for a walk to a new place and report back to John with a

great location for a future walk.

Saturday, October 14, 2006 – Dutch Gap/Henricus Park, Chesterfield County: Join Betsy Saunders as she leads a bird walk to one of our favorite Chesterfield County Parks. Any ducks yet? Meet at the Visitors Center at 8 a.m. Contact Betsy at 272-0605 with any questions.

Sunday, October 15, 2006 – Fred Scott Memorial Birding Route: Every Sunday, Fred Scott would take the same route birding with John Dillard and others. Come along and learn where he went. Call Sue Ridd for more information at 270-5365.

Saturday October 21, 2006 – Merchant's Mill Pond Gatesville NC: Julie Kacmarcik will lead us on our annual fall trip to this wonderful Cypress Swamp dripping in Spanish Moss. BYOB (canoe or kayak) or rent canoes at the park for a nominal fee. There is NO entrance fee in NC State Parks. Learn more about the pond at <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/me mi/home.html>. We have had alligator and Anhinga sightings in the past. Meet at McDonald's at Route 10/295 in Chester at 7 a.m. or at the park. Call Julie for more info at 530-3660. Bring your PFD, water, lunch, and dress for the weather. Trip is about 96 miles from Chester as the Anhinga flies.

Sunday, October 22, 2006 – Curles Neck Farm, Henrico County: One of our favorite birding locations in any season and bound to bring us lots of bird sightings in October. John Coe will lead this trip meeting at the Curles Neck Farm entrance right off Route 5 at 7:30 a.m. Please call John at 276-1397 to register for this trip or if you have any questions.

Saturday, October 28, 2006 – Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond: Join trip leader Tyler Turpin for a walk through the gardens. Which birds have left for the winter and which ones have returned? The walk will begin at 8 a.m. and costs \$6 per person for non-LGBG members. This trip requires advanced registration, so call Tyler at 750-1878 with any

questions and to sign up.

Saturday & Sunday, October 28-29, 2006 – Fisherman's Island and Kiptopeke Camporama: Come for the day or plan to spend the weekend. Julie Kacmarcik will organize this trip led by the Naturalists at the Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge (ESNWR). Saturday we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the ESNWR. The number of participants is limited to reduce the impact on the refuge, so sign up early. Contact Julie at 530-3660 or email [juliekazz@comcast.net](mailto:juliekazz@comcast.net). Saturday afternoon we will set up camp at Kiptopeke and prepare for an evening of star gazing and campfire tales.

Sunday, November 3, 2006 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Plan on spending the early part of the first Sunday in November on a brisk walk around Bryan Park with Sue Ridd. Meet at Shelter # 1 at 7:10 a.m. Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Upcoming Events, check next month's Thrasher for details: RAS's big Auction Event in November The Hopewell Christmas Bird Count, Sunday, December 17, 2006

Note: all phone numbers in area code 804 unless indicated



*Julie Kacmarcik  
Caroline Coe*



Pied-billed Grebe graphic by  
*K.S. Haley*

### George Washington National Forest Plan to be Revised

A number of environmental organizations such as Virginia Forest Watch, Virginia Wilderness Committee, The Wilderness Society, and the Sierra Club, have requested the input of RAS with respect to the upcoming revision of the George Washington National Forest Plan, and pending revisions in the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. The GWNF is of ecological significance for both resident and migratory birds; several sites within the NF have been designated Important Bird Areas. Individuals should contact Gov. Kaine's office directly with their concerns.

*P.S.Reynolds*

Richmond Audubon Society

The wild forests along the Appalachian Mountains provide us with clean drinking water, recreation opportunities, and a place for solace. However, until recently, these areas have been developed, logged, and exploited in the name of short-term profit. The eastern National Forest system was established as a response to the timbering and mining which had ravaged the Appalachians, and was designed primarily to restore these forests, mountains, and watersheds. Because of the land's history and past abuses, there are now precious few acres of roadless wild forests on our public lands in Appalachia. However, the future of these forests is once again at the center of a debate over the management of America's public lands.

Last year, the Bush Administration adopted a new process for revising National Forest Plans, and the George Washington National Forest will be one of the very first forests to develop a plan under these new regulations. Environmentalists are wary of the new regulations, which no longer require an Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA). The NEPA process insured broad public participation in the development of the plan, required a consideration of alternative approaches to managing the forest, provided for an assessment of the cumulative impacts of activities on the forest, and allowed for legal challenges. The new regulations significantly weaken these elements of the planning process.

The Bush Administration's rationale for removing forest planning from the full NEPA process is that only actual, site-specific projects affect the forest, despite the fact that forest plans govern the overall management of the forest for 10-15 years, including, for example, setting timber targets. Since the new regulations also encourage these new plans to avoid setting enforceable standards and guidelines, it is especially important for citizens to hold the agency accountable by insisting it adopt firm, enforceable standards to protect natural resources and encourage restoration of the ecological health of the forest. On a separate but related issue from the plan revision process, last winter Virginia Governor Tim Kaine took a courageous stand to petition the



Bush administration to protect wild roadless areas in Virginia's George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Now, Virginia is beginning formal discussions with the U.S. Forest Service to outline the details of state-specific roadless rule for Virginia. There will likely be pressure from logging and mining interests to weaken protections contained in the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, and it's up to us to speak up to ensure that our National Forests get the full protection they deserve.

*Glen Besa*

Regional Director, Sierra Club  
Appalachian Region

Take Action! Please call, or send a letter or fax, to Governor Kaine's office. Tell the Governor thanks for speaking up for Virginia's wild roadless areas, and let him know that you want our National Forests and special areas to get the strongest protections possible. You can phone Governor Kaine's office at (804) 786-2211. Comments can be mailed to Governor Timothy Kaine, Office of the Governor, Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Fl, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or faxed to (804) 371-6351.

Want to get involved? For more information or to sign up for updates on Forests issues, please contact Chris Carney at 202-237-0754; [chris.carney@sierraclub.org](mailto:chris.carney@sierraclub.org).

Photo by  
*Al Warfield*

## From The Kitchen Window – October 2006

"Autumn sunlight is simply perfection of the day, glory of the season, the year's high achievement, somehow. It summons one to the outdoors, wherever the autumn leaves partake of it. The maples shimmer, the birches glow, and when they drop their leaves their splendor is sunlight at your feet. The autumn sun is making an autumn day a special moment in time."  
*Hal Borland, 12 Moons of the Year*

October is really pushing to be best month of the year. I think if it weren't for the mosquitoes hanging around, April would have a hard time holding on to first place.

Summer's gone now – the grasses, flowers and trees have stored all they can and are moving into final winter preparation. Birds and the woods critters are busy stocking up for staying about or finishing their move south. It's been a bit of a strange year weather-wise for humans. I suspect the animals know better what's going on, though.

Misty mornings, spider webs hanging like strings of jewels, grass wet under foot, leaves turning gold and red and colors other than summer's green. The sky is clear and the nights are full of autumn stars – the birds know the way.

The full Harvest Moon is October 6th. The Harvest Moon is defined as the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. The Orionid meteor shower occurs on the 20th, and daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on the 29th. Early in the evening, Orion the Hunter is in the eastern sky and the Big Dipper touches the trees on the horizon.

*(This column is updated and reprinted from the Thrasher, October 1998.)*

*John Coe*

### Support the Kiptopeke Challenge!

The (12th) Kiptopeke Challenge is the primary fundraiser for the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory ([www.cvwo.org](http://www.cvwo.org)). The CVWO performs a research program that is unique on the eastern coast of North America, providing the bulk of the data that is used to determine autumn migratory history along the eastern shore as well as a long history of raptor counting and banding. And it conducts one of the first Monarch tagging programs in the US. Other important activities are songbird banding at the tip of the Delmarva Peninsula and elsewhere in Coastal Virginia, the College Creek Hawk Watch, a Coastal Virginia Prothonotary Warbler nest box program at First Landing State Park, and educational activities. All donations are fully tax-deductible. The CVWO is lead by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. Only the staff biologists hired by the CVWO receive compensation. The budget is used to pay for all research program supplies and the housing of our staff. CVWO is facing significant budgetary burdens over the next 12 months because of the need to upgrade some of our facilities, our need to support E-bird in VA, up-front costs for the Prothonotary Warbler and Saw-whet Owl projects, and other one-time costs.

The 2006 KC Teams are:

1. Team Juvies (Youth Team)
2. The "Laughing Falcons"
3. Virginia Beach Audubon's "Dirty Dickcissels"
4. Team Wild Birds Unlimited of Williamsburg
4. The "Tequila Mockingbirds"
5. CVWO's "Platform Poachers"
6. The "Wayward Loons"

7. Team VSO (Special Venue, Chincoteague NWR)
8. Northern Virginia Bird Club's "Wandering Siskin"

Please make out your check to the CVWO, marking the team you support (if any) & mail to:

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Snowy Egret Photo by *Al Warfield*

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## Welcome to New Members of Richmond Audubon Society

Each month many new members join RAS or transfer in from other National Audubon Society chapters. To all of you who are new members to RAS, our chapter has many activities, including interesting monthly meetings with speakers, numerous field trips of all kinds, an annual auction and an annual picnic. We have an informative website and a great listserv where you can learn what is going on in the area and report your sightings. Please become an active member by coming to the meetings and field trips, identifying yourself as a new member, and meeting other people with similar interests. Visit our website for details at [www.richmondaudubon.org](http://www.richmondaudubon.org).

*Lori Rutledge*  
Membership Chair

## The Thrasher Ad Page

**"Birds Are Art", an Exhibit of Bird Photography**  
by Al Warfield

October 6th to 31st, Richmond Main Library, 2nd and Franklin Streets in downtown Richmond. See 33 beautiful archival framed color prints of your favorite birds plus several attractive posters. Come to the First Friday Event at the Main Richmond Library, Friday October 6th, 2006, 7-9 p.m., 2nd Floor Gallery

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Female Northern Shoveler photo by  
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Yes, please enroll me (us) as a **new** member(s) of both National and Richmond Audubon Societies at the address below, **at the introductory rate**. Also included are subscriptions to the NAS magazine, *Audubon*, and the RAS newsletter, *The Thrasher*. (Make checks payable to National Audubon Society. And write "X53" on the check).

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the newsletter of the Richmond Audubon Society.

The Richmond Audubon society promotes the enjoyment, understanding, and preservation of birds, other wildlife, and habitat through education, advocacy, and fellowship.